March 1951 : 1,292 bales ; April : 1,254 bales ; May : 1,735 bales ; June : 1,924 bales ; With regard to outside mills, starting from 1,676 bales in January 1951, it was 2,439 bales in September 1951 and in some months, for example, in July it was 4,591 bales.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—May I take it, according to the figures quoted by the Hon'ble Minister, that the cloth position has improved in respect of the local mills by about 50 per cent ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Yes, some improvement.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—So the supply position has improved by about 50 per cent ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Roughly about that.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Has all the mill-made cloth been sold out ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I do not know. I have not gone into that aspect of the question, *viz.*, selling. In fact, the demand is for more and more cloth.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Has the position in respect of supply of cloth from the Binny Mills, improved ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I want notice. I have got information so far as all the mills put together are concerned. I have not got information separately for each mill.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Is it a fact that much of the quota available now is held up by the dealers in view of the fact that very high prices are prevailing ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I cannot say anything definite about that.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—In answer to my other question it is stated that most applications for retail licenses have been rejected in view of the improvement in the supply position of cloth. Cannot the cases of all those that have applied for retail licenses, be considered favourably and should not all of them be given licenses ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—There is no desire on the part of the Government to turn down any request unnecessarily. In fact, the policy of this Government has been to give as many retail licenses as possible in order to make cloth available to the public. But where it is quite obvious that there are unnecessarily too many retail dealers with no sufficient business even for those persons who are already trading in cloth, it is only in such cases that the new applications have been rejected.

Meeting the deficit of foodgrains in view of failure of rains in the State.

Q.—201. Janab ABDUR RAHMAN (Chikmagalur *cum* Shimoga—Muslim):—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the present stock of foodgrains in the State ;

(*b*) the quota expected from the Government of India for the rest of the year ;

(*c*) how the deficit is proposed to be adjusted in view of the failure of rains in the State ?

A.—The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Stock on 26th September 1951 was 5,05,000 pallas.

(*b*) About 6,30,000 pallas, made up of wheat and milo.

(*c*) The stocks as at (*a*) and (*b*) above are together expected to be approximately equal to the estimated requirements of the State till the end of the current year. It is however too early to make any precise estimate of the additional requirements on account of failure of rains in the State.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—Are the Government sure of getting all the additional requirements from the Government of India by about the end of this year ?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Yes, we are continuously urging the Government of India to supply us the full quantity

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that they promised and the Government of India also are taking necessary steps in order to give us that quantity.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—In case the quota that is to be got from the Government of India is not reaching the State of Mysore in time, will it not cause a certain amount of embarrassment?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The answer is certainly 'yes'; obviously not a certain amount only but a great deal of embarrassment.

Janab SYED ABDUR RAHMAN.—How could that be tided over?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—It is a very hypothetical question. If the promised allotments are not forthcoming, we have to consider what to do to tide over the difficult position. In fact, we have been continuously urging for another 14,000 tons of rice in order to ease the rice position in the State. We have been continuously urging on the Government the great necessity for increasing the rice quota. We have not yet got any promise from them to increase the rice quota and we are considering how best to tide over the situation.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Chitaldrug District—General).—What are the areas in which there is failure of rains?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I think there is a resolution tabled by the Hon'ble Member regarding this subject. He will get full information on that point at that time. Moreover, in the beginning of the session at Mysore I gave full particulars as to the particular areas where rains failed.

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—What is the policy of the Government in regard to the quantity of foodgrains proposed to be procured in those areas where rains have failed?

Mr. SPEAKER.—That does not arise.

Frequent interruptions to power supply in Bangalore.

Q.—172. **Sri K. R. SREEKANTESWAR** (Bangalore City—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the reasons for frequent failures of power supply in Bangalore;

(*b*) whether they are aware that failure of power supply especially between the hours 7 P.M. to 10 P.M. causes great hardship to the public;

(*c*) whether they have received complaints in regard to the above?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. T. BHASHYAM** (Minister for Law and Labour).—

(*a*) The interruptions to power supply are mostly due to the weather conditions which affect the long high tension transmission lines from Sivasamudram and Jog.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಆರ್. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠೇಶ್ವರ್‌ರವರು.—ನನ್ನ (ಎ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ತಾವು ಕೆಲವು ಕಾರಣಗಳನ್ನೇನೋ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಅನೇಕ ವೇಳೆ ಇದ್ದಿಕ್ಕಿದ್ದಹಾಗೆಯೇ, ರಾತ್ರಿ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಸವನಗುಡಿ ಸರಹದ್ದಿನಲ್ಲಿಯೆ, ಈ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿ ದೀಪಗಳು ಕೆಡುತ್ತಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಕಾರಣವೇನು?

ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಟಿ. ಭಾಷ್ಯಂರವರು.—ಹಾಗೆ ಆಗಲು ನಾನಾ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿವೆ. ಅವುಗಳ ಪೈಕಿ ಹವಾಗುಣಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾಗುವುದು, ಕೆಲವು ವೇಳೆ ಮರದ ರೆಂಬೆಗಳು ತಗುಲಿ ವಿದ್ಯುಚ್ಛಕ್ತಿಯ ಲೈನು ನಿಂತುಹೋಗುವುದು, ಮತ್ತೆ ಕೆಲವು ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಕ್ಷಿಗಳು ಕಡ್ಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಹಾಕುವುದು—ಇಂಥವುಗಳಿಂದ short circuit ಆಗಿಯೂ ಮತ್ತೆ ಅನೇಕ ಸಂದರ್ಭಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಮನೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಸ್ವಿಚ್‌ಗಳು ಸುಟ್ಟುಹೋಗುವುದು, ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ನಾನಾ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿವೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕೆ ಇಂಥಾದ್ದೇ ಕಾರಣವೆಂದು ಹೇಳುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಆರ್. ಶ್ರೀಕಂಠೇಶ್ವರ್‌ರವರು.—(ಸಿ) ಪ್ರಶ್ನೆಗೆ ಉತ್ತರವಾಗಿ ದೂರುಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆಯೆಂದು ತಾವು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದರೆ ಆ ಬಗ್ಗೆ